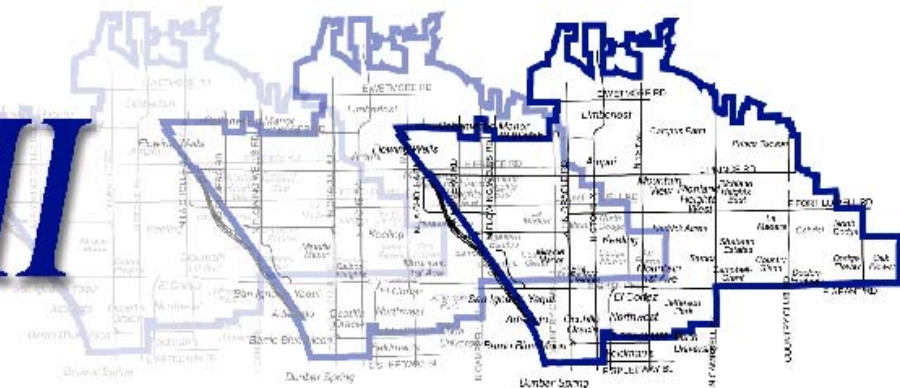


WARD III



News about your community . . .

TUCSON, ARIZONA



Karin Uhlich
Council Member

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A Note from Karin

Moving Forward

Dear Tucsonans,

Though some hopeful economic news has begun to surface, I know that many families and local businesses continue to suffer the dramatic downturn. We must do everything in our power to respond and access resources that can help Tucson turn the economic corner soon and with renewed strength.

We at the Ward 3 office will do our best to alert you to programs and aid. Workshops, like the County's "Making Home Affordable" seminar held on August 22, can help local residents access the new federal housing refinancing and loan modification programs. In the coming month we'll also be working to help locally owned businesses access resources, like federal small business administration loans through our area Business Development Finance Corporation.

I hope you'll join us as well for the August 31 Community Conversation – "Getting to Know Ward 3 Businesses". As consumers, every dollar we spend can help fuel local prosperity. Shifting at least a portion of our spending to some of the high-quality, local businesses in Tucson sends ripples of benefit to all corners of the City. Find out more about the great businesses to choose from, and the great impact you'll have buying local!

Sincerely,

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**WELCOME BACK
STUDENTS!**

Landlord Accountability Goes to Court

by George Pettit

In the last newsletter we noted a case where a landlord with a problem property (93 calls to the police department, from a 5-unit property, in a three-year time period) had failed to sufficiently address the problems with his property. As a result the City Attorney's Office has filed a case in court. The initial hearing has been set for September 28th.

Under Arizona law a city attorney can file an action against a landlord for the purpose of abating continuing criminal activity on a property.

In court the City Attorney's Office is asking for: eviction of tenants responsible for criminal activity; employ a security guard on the property; install security devices on the property, including cameras, fencing, gates, alarms, etc.; hire a professional property management company experienced in reducing criminal activity on a property; conduct criminal background checks on each potential tenant and reject applications of any potential tenant with a criminal background; provide adequate lighting on the property; immediately abate any other nuisance on the property including violations of building and other safety codes; and pursue any other reasonable, legally available action to abate criminal activity on the property.

If the actions described above do not bring about the desired results, the Attorney's Office will move to a permanent injunction and additional relief may be sought.

We will keep you posted on the court action.



The **Landlord Accountability Ordinance** was passed by Mayor and Council in March, 2008 to give City of Tucson departments additional tools to deal with nuisance properties.

Safety Tips for the Flu Season

by Cindy Jansen

Practice these safety tips and stay healthy during flu season:

- ♦ **Practice good respiratory hygiene** – A primary way the flu spreads from person to person is via coughs and sneezes. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.



Help keep yourselves and your neighbors healthy this flu season!

- ♦ **Keep your hands clean** – Be vigilant about washing your hands often during the day. Wash hands with antibacterial soap and warm water for at least 15 to 20 seconds. When soap isn't available, you can use alcohol based hand wipes or gel sanitizers as a substitute.
- ♦ **Eat, drink and be healthy** – Maintain a well-balanced diet and be sure to drink plenty of fluids, especially water. Enhance the beneficial effects of a healthy diet by increasing your Vitamin C intake.
- ♦ **Don't stress out** – If your stress levels are high, your body is more susceptible to illness. To combat stress, get plenty of rest and try to exercise regularly. Additionally, make an effort to step outside for some fresh air during your already scheduled daily work breaks.
- ♦ **Learn how to recognize the flu** – It's important to recognize the difference between the flu and other common ailments. Symptoms of the flu include a high fever; head and muscle aches; extreme fatigue; dry cough and sore throat; runny or stuffy nose and gastro-intestinal symptoms.

If you or someone in your family gets the flu, stay home, call your medical practitioner or clinic **BEFORE** you leave the house.

Early Morning Graffiti Clean-up

by Hector Arellano

On July 18th, Ward 3 held its first graffiti removal seminar hosted by Robert Sheinaus. The meeting, which began at 7:00 a.m., was designed to educate community leaders and members about the graffiti removal process.

Robert Sheinaus, an expert in graffiti removal, gave a one-hour presentation on how to safely remove those pesky graffiti tags from public and private property. After the presentation, the attendants were handed graffiti abatement kits, and were led to a hands-on training in the streets of Jefferson Park Neighborhood.

Given the positive response to this first training, we are happy to announce that Tucson Clean and Beautiful has asked to partner with Ward 3 to hold future trainings for residents and businesses. We will keep you posted as those events are scheduled.

For questions regarding H1N1 Influenza please call Disease Control (520) 243-7797 or visit www.cdc.gov



Robert Sheinaus presents his graffiti removal presentation on his laptop.



Mr. Sheinaus gives hand-on instruction on how to remove a graffiti tag on a stop sign in Jefferson Park.

Ward 3 in Technicolor by Hector Arellano

This past summer saw the creation of a very special undertaking titled the “Ward 3 Neighborhood Project,” a web-based photo project designed to highlight some of the landmarks in Ward 3. The “Ward 3 Neighborhood Project” consists of a customized Google Map, a Picasa Web Album, and a movie slideshow. What follows is a little bit of backstory on how the project came to be.

In early June, Ward 3 Intern Katie Pettit and I began brainstorming ideas for summer projects. We wanted something that would take us out of the office and into the ward. So I told Katie to take some artsy photographs of the Ward 3 Council Office as an experiment of something we could do for the rest of the ward. When she came back she brought in some amazing pictures. Apparently she had taken photography in high school. Then and there we decided that it would be an interesting project to go out and create a photographic archive of the ward.

Early on we decided to focus primarily on public landmarks such as parks, recreation centers, public schools, and neighborhood indicators. This would facilitate access and also give us a clear set of goals. People and private property were something we did not incorporate, not because we don’t like these things, but it would just make things more complicated in terms of clearance for publication.

For approximately two months, every free moment we had away from the office, we set out with a camera and a GPS, and drove around the ward snapping pictures. It was our little side project. And we were going to try to make the best out of it.

The hardest part of this whole process was not taking the pictures or driving to the locations, but the excruciating summer heat. It was difficult to be out there for more than two hours at a time. We would joke the hotness was worth it because the beaming sunlight helped light our photographs. Still the project was always worth carrying out, despite the weather.

My favorite part of this whole endeavor was that it really opened my eyes to all the great sights in Ward 3. When you spend all day in the council office you sometimes forget about the visual characteristic of the ward you represent. This project allowed me to get a deeper appreciation of the ward. Hopefully our constituents feel the same when they explore the project.

Due to our limited time we were not able to cover all the neighborhoods as thoroughly as we would have liked. There are some major landmarks such as Ghost Ranch Lodge (under renovation) and GPD Toy Train Museum (not open during the summer) that are missing.



Unique traffic circle ornament in Samos Neighborhood



Spiral jungle gym in Jefferson Park Elementary School.



Stunning horses in Agricultural Research Center in Campus Farm Neighborhood.

We are open to suggestions and would like to encourage the Ward 3 community to email us ideas for a future update.

We hope everyone enjoys exploring the map, looking at the photographs, and watching the picture slideshow. We made it out of appreciation for Ward 3.

Links:

Google Map:

<http://tinyurl.com/mkd3af>

Picasa Web Album:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/ward3neighborhoodproject>

Picture Slideshow:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9XoDEMmKOg>



Beautiful mural in San Ignacio Yaqui Neighborhood.

La Fiesta at La Siesta

by Tamara Prime

On August 15th, the Ward 3 office joined Tucson residents and businesses in the celebration of Tucson's Birthday. As a co-sponsor of the "La Fiesta at La Siesta" event, Council member Uhlich and more than 50 people gathered at La Siesta Motel to enjoy a lively Historic roadway presentation by Demion Clinco.

In addition to the slideshow, attendees had refreshments, listened to Mariachi music by Mariachi Tesoro de Tucson, appreciated an antique car display, and took in the welcoming, festive atmosphere of La Siesta Motel.

As part of the recently formed Gateway Business Alliance, La Siesta Motel and its neighbors College Place and Pima Community College are regular hosts for similar gatherings.

If you'd like more information about Demion Clinco's presentation, the Gateway Business Alliance and its member, or the Oracle Area Revitalization, feel free to call us at the Ward 3 office (791-4711).



Karin enjoys a conversation with "Fiesta" attendee.



"La Fiesta at La Siesta" attendees prepare for Demion Clinco presentation.

Bronx Wash Mural Project

by Hector Arellano

On July 17, 2009, representatives from the Ward 3 office attended the Bronx Wash Mural neighborhood paint day. The event, coordinated by Michael Schwartz of the TAB/Mural Arts Program, attracted a large number of Northwest Neighborhood residents who wanted to beautify the Bronx Wash.

The project, which is a collaboration between the Northwest Neighborhood Association and Pro Neighborhoods, is intended to get the community involved in designing and painting of a mural design for the Bronx Wash located at the corner of Linden and 4th Ave. The mural is expected to be completed and unveiled sometime in the fall.



Northwest Neighborhood residents work on painting the Bronx Wash Mural.

Bat Night 2009

by Holly Lachowicz

This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 12th from 5:30-8:00 in the Rillito riverbed, east of Campbell Avenue Bridge.

Are you curious about those mysterious nocturnal neighbors who hang around all day and stay out all night?

At sunset 40,000 bats will emerge from underneath the Campbell Avenue Bridge to fly off and forage for food. Join the Rillito River Project Bat expert Yar Petryszyn and Flam Chen in a collaboration that fuses art and science in a creative presentation that is both informative and entertaining.

Participating Campbell Avenue Merchants along Campbell from Grant Ave. to the Rillito River will be offering Bat Night Specials. The bus fare for service on bus #15 from Grant to Roger will be paid for by Ward 3 and be available from 4:00 to 10:00. Some parking will be available at Campbell Plaza (Campbell and Glenn). Last year, Bat Night drew more than 2,500 people, including many families. We anticipate that more will attend this year.

Bat Night 2009 is free and open to the public. Please bring a flashlight, a blanket to sit on and your own drinking water. In case of rain, the event will take place the following evening.

For more information please visit www.RillitoRiverProject.org



Tucson Fire Department helps our own George Pettit cool off.

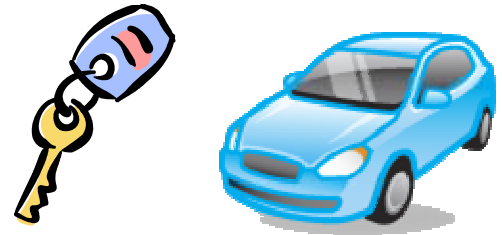


Bat Night 2009 Poster

Avoid Crime! Tips for Car Safety

by George Pettit

1. Always lock car doors after entering or leaving your car.
2. Park in well-lit, active areas.
3. Have your keys in your hand—don't linger before entering car.
4. Check the back seat before entering your car.
5. If you think you're being followed, drive to a public place, i.e. police, sheriff or fire station.

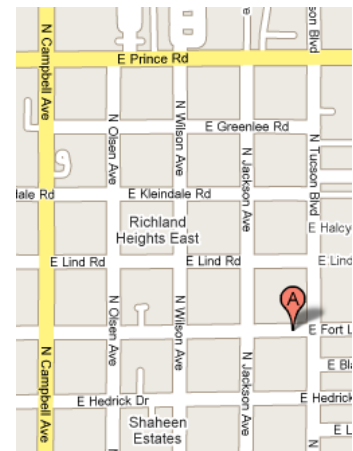


Neighborhood Safety Fair

by George Pettit

On Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 9am to 12 Noon, Northminster Presbyterian Church (2450 East Fort Lowell) is hosting a Neighborhood Safety Fair. More than a dozen individuals and agencies will be present—from TPD/Neighborhood Watch, Tucson Fire Department, and Pima Council on Aging.

Topics covered will range from sun safety to ID theft, to crime prevention tips and more—important information for all ages from kids to seniors. There will be free car safety booster seats to kids 5 and up and 40 lbs and up (child and parent must both be present). The playground and a jumping castle will add to the fun for the kids. Bring the whole family and share in the fun and facts.



Map of the location for the Neighborhood Safety Fair on September 12, 2009.

Save The Date...

August 31: "Community Conversation" with Council Member Karin Uhlich, 6 pm at Ward 3, Topic: "Getting to Know your Ward 3 Businesses"

September 11 "Continuous Chest Compression" Class at Ward 3 9-10 am. Sponsored by Save A Life. \$10 cash fee. Call Ronna at 623-8484. An Off Duty member of the Tucson Fire Dept will teach the class.

September 12: Bat Night 2009/Rillito River Project 5:30 pm at Campbell and the Rillito River.

September 12: Neighborhood Safety Fair 9 am to noon at Northminster Presbyterian Church 2450 E. Ft. Lowell.

September 28: "Community Conversation" with Council Member Karin Uhlich, 6pm at Ward 3.



Not My Mother's Cake

by Holly Lachowicz

Below is the recipe for the cake submitted by Council Member Uhlich for the Ward 2 Tucson Birthday Bake-Off 2009 .

Ingredients:

- 2 packages of lady fingers
- 2 small packages of flan custard mix
- 20 Prickly Pear fruit
- 1 quart whipping cream
- 2 cups of homemade Prickly Pear jelly
- ½ cup Sherry
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Preparation:

Collect 20 Prickly Pear Fruit and singe spines with gas burner. Set aside three whole pears for final decoration. Peel and separate fruit stripes from seedy pulp. Strain pulp for collect juice without seeds.

Whip cream with teaspoon sugar and 2 tablespoons Prickly Pear juice. Set in refrigerator to cool.

Make 2 small packages of custard using whipping cream instead of milk. Cool until barely able to pour.

Assemble:

Place one layer of lady fingers in spring pan. Sprinkle with Sherry.

Cover with layers of custard, Prickly Pear fruit, and jelly.

Place second layer of lady fingers and sprinkle with sherry.

Repeat layering of custard, fruit, and jelly.

Place third layer of lady fingers.

Refrigerate for several hours.

Ice with whipped cream and decorative whole fruits. (remember not to eat the whole fruit without peeling and removing seeds).

Serve and enjoy!



Important Phone Numbers

- City Clerk's Office — 791-4213
- Community Services — 791-4171
- Code Violation — 791-5843
- Development Services — 791-5550
- Dept. of Transportation— 791-4371
- Environmental Services — 791-3171
- Graffiti Removal — 792-2489
- Legal Aide — 623-9465
- Mosquito Hotline — 243-7999
- Suntran— 792-9222



Congratulations to Miguel Ortega and his wife for the birth of their first child.

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